

United States District Court for the District of Maryland

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Benson Everett Legg

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Princeton 1970 AB; Virginia 1973 JD
Began Service: September 18, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Frank A. Kaufman, United States District Court for the District of Maryland (1973-1974)

Legal Practice: Associate, Venable, Baetjer & Howard (1975-1982); Partner, Venable, Baetjer & Howard (1982-1991)

Current Memberships: The Sergeant's Inn Law Club

Staff

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J. Frederick Motz

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Wesleyan U 1964 AB; Virginia 1967 LLB
Began Service: 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Affiliation: District Judge (R), Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Harrison L. Winter, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1967-1968)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, District of Maryland, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1969-1971); United States Attorney, District of Maryland, United States Department of Justice (1981-1985)

Legal Practice: Associate, Venable, Baetjer & Howard (1968-1969); Partner, Venable, Baetjer & Howard (1971-1981)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Law Institute; Baltimore City Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Jennifer Plaster** (410) 962-0782
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Peter J. Messitte

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Amherst 1963 BA; Chicago 1966 JD
Began Service: November 15, 1993
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Volunteer, United States Peace Corps (1966-1968)

Judicial: Associate Judge, Maryland Circuit Court, Montgomery County (1985-1993)

Legal Practice: Zuckert, Scoutt & Rasenberger (1969-1971); Private Practice (1971-1975); Partner, Messitte & Rosenberg (1975-1981); Private Practice (1981-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association; Montgomery County Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Danielle Estrada** (301) 344-0632
Education: Pennsylvania JD
Law Clerk **Benjamin Haley** (301) 344-0632
Education: Maryland JD
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Chambers of District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow

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Deborah K. Chasanow

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Rutgers 1970 BA; Stanford 1974 JD
Began Service: 1993
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Part-Time Teacher, University of Baltimore (1978-1984); Part-Time Teacher, University of Maryland (1978-1984)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable David L. Cahoon (1974-1975)

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Maryland (1975-1979); Chief of Criminal Appeals Division, Office of the Attorney General, State of Maryland (1979-1987)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Maryland (1987-1993)

Legal Practice: Cole & Groner

Current Memberships: Federal Judge's Association; Marlborough American Inn of Court; Maryland Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; Prince George's County Bar Association; Women's Bar Association

Staff

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Alexander Williams, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Howard U 1970 BA, 1973 JD, 1991 MA; Temple 1995 MA
Began Service: August 17, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Assistant Professor, Howard University School of Law (1978-1980); Associate Professor, Howard University School of Law (1980-1986); Professor of Law, Howard University School of Law (1986-1989)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable James H. Taylor, Maryland Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit (1973-1974)

Government: Municipal Attorney, Prince George's County, Maryland (1975-1987); Assistant Public Defender, Prince George's County, Maryland (1977-1978); Staff Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, Prince George's County, Maryland (1977-1978); Hearing Examiner and Special Counsel to the Board of Education, Prince George's County (1978-1987); State's Attorney, State of Maryland (1987-1994)

Judicial: Substitute Juvenile Master, Prince George's County, Maryland (1976-1977)

Legal Practice: Law Offices of Alexander Williams, Jr. (1974-1986)

Staff

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Catherine C. Blake

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Radcliffe 1972 AB; Harvard 1975 JD
Began Service: August 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, District of Maryland, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1977-1983); First Assistant United States Attorney, District of Maryland, United States Department of Justice (1983-1985); United States Attorney (court-appointed), District of Maryland, United States Department of Justice (1985-1986)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Maryland (1987-1995)

Legal Practice: Palmer & Dodge (1975-1977)

Current Memberships: Bar Association of Baltimore City; Federal Bar Association; Maryland Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges

Staff

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Andre M. Davis

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Pennsylvania 1971 BA; Maryland 1978 JD
Began Service: August 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Adjunct Professor, University of Maryland School of Law (1981-1984); Visiting Professor, University of Maryland School of Law (1984-1985); Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Law (1985-1987)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Frank Kaufman, United States District Court for the District of Maryland (1978-1979); Law Clerk The Honorable Francis Murnaghan, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1979-1980)

Government: Appellate Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice (1980-1981); Assistant United States Attorney, District of Maryland, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1981-1983)

Judicial: Associate Judge, Maryland District Court, Baltimore City (1987-1990); Associate Judge, Circuit Court for Baltimore City (1990-1995)

Legal Practice: Associate, Frank, Bernstein, Conaway & Goldman (1983-1984)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Inns of Court; Maryland State Bar Association; Monumental City Bar Association

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William D. Quarles, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: January 16, 1948
Education: Maryland 1976 BS; Catholic U 1979 JD
Began Service: March 24, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, District Judge Joseph C. Howard, United States District Court for the District of Maryland (1979-1981)

Government: Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Maryland, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice (1982-1986)

Judicial: Associate Circuit Judge, Circuit Court, City of Baltimore, Maryland (1996-2003)

Legal Practice: Associate, Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Underberg & Casey (1981-1982); Associate, Venable, Baetjer and Howard (1986-1987); Equity Partner, Venable, Baetjer and Howard (1987-1996)

Staff

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